GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:245
ANSWERED ON:20.11.2002
KOLHAPUR-NAGPUR NATIONAL HIGHWAY
SUBODH MOHITE

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have received any request from Maharashtra Government to declare Kolhapur-Nagpur and other roads as National Highways;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the reaction of the Government thereto;

(d) whether the Government have agreed to include Ring Road of Nagpur city in the Golden Quadrilateral project;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) the funds sanctioned for the work?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (MAJOR GENERAL (RETD. KHANDURI)

(a) to (c) All the proposals for declaration of National Highwaysreceived from the Government of Maharashtra have been returned in June, 2002 for review based on the revised criteria for declaration of new National Highways.Presently, there is ban on declaration of new National Highways due to fund constraints..The Government may however consider declaration of very limited lengths of a few State Highways as National Highways during the course of the 10th Five Year Plan, keeping in view the traffic needs, inter-se priority and availability of funds, after the ban is lifted.

(d) to (f) Government have agreed to include Nagpur bypass (eastern side) on NH 7 as part of North - South Corridor under National Highways Development Project being implemented by National Highways Authority of India. Actions for engaging consultants for detailed engineering and for sanction of land acquisition estimate are in progress.